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# CURRENT

Feb. 4, 1982

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-SAINT LOUIS

Issue 415

## Snowstorm shuts down campus

St. Louis' worst snowstorm in about 70 years resulted in the closing of classes for the first part of this week. As of Wednesday, most of the parking lots were yet to be cleared and additional snowfall was making snow removal difficult.

To make matters worse, the university's lone snow plow broke down early in the week and the university had to contract with an outside company to have

the lots plowed.

According to one grader operator, the snow had drifted to as much as three feet on some parking lots, adding that these lots had probably not been plowed since the snow started to fall. The operator had called for additional help, but said he did not know how long it would take to clear the lots.

"They should go ahead and  
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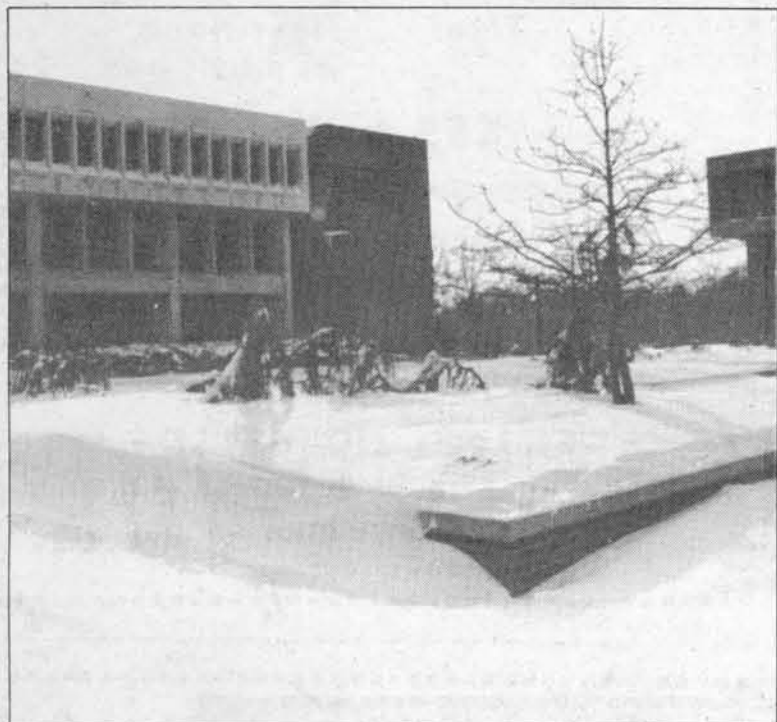


Photo by Jim Hickman.

**UMSL SKI RESORT:** The UMSL campus was bombarded with snow earlier this week (above), but people like Frances Young (right), a physical therapist at Normandy Hospital, didn't mind. Ms. Young found the best way to get around the UMSL campus was on skis.



Photo by Sharon Kubatzky.



Photo by Jim Hickman.

**CABIN FEVER:** Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman replies to questions from faculty members at a faculty-council meeting held Feb. 2. Discussion included the many possible academic budget cuts forthcoming.

## Current sports to be action packed

Next week, the **Current** sports pages will take a look at the following stories: Rivermen basketball and its games against SIU-E and MIAA rival Central Missouri State University. The Rivermen hit the center stage when they play SIU-E as the game is being played at the Checkerdome. The women cagers travel to Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri-Rolla and then come home to host Lincoln University. The **Current** will report on the

action from these games and give you an insight at how the Riverwomen have suffered since the loss of starting center Karen Lauth.

Also in the sports pages will be a preview as well as a story on the SLACAA swimming meet that was held at UMSL's pool last weekend. We will report on what the UMSL swimmers did and what their opponents did.

Finally, we will outline the new intramural season and tell

you why intramural director Larry Coffin has imposed a \$10 forfeit fee for all participating teams.

On the features side, we'll take a look at two past UMSL basketball greats and show you how they moved from on the court to the side of the court as coaches.

And of course, the sports page will take another look at the UMSL sports world from the view of columnist Jeff Kuchno.

## Faculty concerned

There are times when the weather does not matter. Last Tuesday, about 200 faculty members fought snow, slush and ice-covered streets to attend a faculty hearing about proposed budget cuts over the next three years. The money saved by the cuts is to go toward faculty salaries, but the proposed program reductions are too much for some faculty members to bear.

University of Missouri President James C. Olson has requested that UMSL set aside \$3.75 million over the next three years. That figure would represent a total cutback of 14.25 percent.

In next week's **Current** we will outline the proposed reductions and relay the feelings of faculty and students on program cuts.

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### Go snow

It's no secret St. Louis was hit by a tremendous snow storm recently, causing turmoil everywhere. The UMSL campus was no exception ... page 5

### Who cares about snow?

The UMSL basketball game, Monday, Feb. 1, against Northwest Missouri State was probably the only activity in St. Louis that wasn't called off due to snow. Fittingly, the Rivermen lost, 54-51 ... page 7

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# newsbriefs

## Transportation courses offered here

UMSL will offer two intensive courses for transportation personnel, beginning March 8. "Traffic and Physical Distribution Management" will be offered Mondays, from 6:30-9:30pm, March 8 through May 10. "Interstate Commerce Law: An Overview of All Service Transportation" will be offered Thursdays, from 6:30-9pm, March 11 through May 13. Classes will meet in the J.C. Penney Building on campus.

The traffic and physical distribution management course is designed for carrier and industrial traffic personnel who want to learn more about transportation and traffic management. The interstate commerce law course is based on the regulations of railroads, motor and water carriers and freight forwarders, and includes the Staggers Act and the Motor Carrier Act of 1980.

The registration fee for either course is \$145. Additional information about the course can be obtained by calling 553-5961.

## Active Adults coming

UMSL will offer physical activity programs for older adults (60 years or over) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Feb. 9 through May 4 in the Mark Twain Building on the UMSL campus. Tuesday and Thursday classes include square dancing and tap dancing from 9-10am; wald-jog from 10-11am; and aquatics and social dance from 11am-noon. On Saturdays, older adults may participate in lifetime sports from 9:45am-noon.

## Workshops to begin

UMSL will offer a variety of courses and workshops, beginning Feb. 18, as part of its schedule of Continuing Education Programs for Women. A series of career exploration courses is available, including programs on career options, resume writing, and job interviewing. Workshops on evaluating educational opportunities and brushing-up study skills are scheduled for persons considering a return to school.

Classes will be offered in the J.C. Penney Building on the UMSL campus and at several other locations including Plaza Frontenac, Lindbergh and Clayton Roads; the Headquarters, Grand Glaize, Florissant, Tesson Ferry, and Daniel Boone branches of the St. Louis County Library; Famous-Barr Downtown and Famous-Barr, Mid-Rivers Mall in St. Peters.

Additional information about the programs can be obtained by calling 553-5511.

## Current staff braves snow

No one ever said working on the **Current** would be a slice of heaven, especially when there is a paper to put out amidst one of the worst snowstorms in St. Louis history.

The **Current** staff members made many sacrifices to put this issue out. Battling the ice and snow covered streets of the St. Louis area, **Current** staffers braved their ways to the Blue Metal Building on the snowy UMSL campus to share an evening that they would rather have missed.

The first problem encountered by many staff members was how to persuade mom and dad into letting them use the family car to drive to UMSL. Secondly, once they got the car, they had to fight Mother Nature and severe traffic jams just to get to the **Current** offices.

And once everyone was here, what happened ... you're looking at it. The **Current** staff thought a change of pace might be appropriate for an issue that

almost lost to a snow blizzard.

Oh, but Mother Nature strikes again. Snow came falling once again and staff members scattered... some of them did anyway. One staff member said, "the hell with it" and bunked out in

the **Current** office.

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## Snow

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close the campus the rest of the week and bring in the proper equipment so they can get everything cleared," the operator said.

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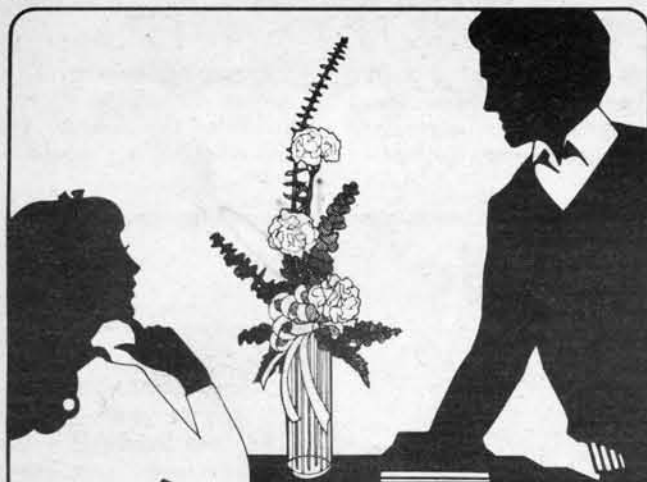
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percent of this year's state appropriations, however, was withheld by the governor because of a decrease in state revenue.

In response to the governor's

latest recommendation, UM President James C. Olson said it represents a supportive attitude toward the university. "My hope is that the state revenue situation will enable the General Assembly to support such a

recommendation," he said.

Olson said he also hopes Missourians will become better acquainted with the state's fiscal difficulty and support ways of generating additional revenue

for the state.

"The university has achieved a great deal in enlisting private support and in the management of current resources. But we cannot sustain the quality institution we all want without improved state financing for existing programs, the physical plant and employees," the UM President said.

The House and Senate appropriations committees must still make recommendations for higher education appropriations. The General Assembly will decide on the committees' recommendations before its session ends April 30. UM originally submitted a request for \$199.5 million in state funds and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommended \$189.8 million.

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## Correction

In the story about the University Players' production of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" which appeared in last week's **Current**, the dates of the play were incorrectly announced to be Friday, March 19 through Sunday, March 21. The dates should have read Thursday, March 4 through Sunday, March 7.

The **Current** regrets any confusion caused by this mistake.

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## Friday 5

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## Saturday 6

Last two screenings of **Superman II** can be seen at 7:30 and 10 pm in 101 Stadler. One guest may accompany an UMSL student at the reduced rate of \$1 each. General admission is \$1.50. Tickets are available at the door.

**Miles Beyond** is featuring a whole month of Latin Jazz with a variety of Latin Jazz artists at midnight-6am on KWMU. This Student Staff Production can be found on FM 91.

## Sunday 7

**Sunday Magazine**, a KWMU current topics program, will talk with a representative of the United Cerebral Palsy Association from 10:30-11:30 pm on FM 91. Sunday Magazine is a Student Staff Production.

**Playhouse 91** will air "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" with part II of the "The Valley of Fear" from 10-10:30pm on KWMU-FM 91.

**Sports Spectrum**, a review of the sports that made the news this week, can be heard at 11:30pm-midnight on KWMU. There will also be commentary by Onion Horton. Sports Spectrum, a KWMU Student Staff Production, can be found on FM 91.

**Pipeline** will present the "Strangers" from midnight-5am on KWMU. This Student Staff Production can be found on FM 91.

## Monday 8



**A Koffee Klatch**, sponsored by the Evening College Council, will be held in the third floor lobby of Lucas Hall from 5-8:30 pm. Free coffee and cookies will be served.

**Leadership Training for Women**, sponsored by the Women's Center and the Counseling Service will be held in 107A Benton. There is limited enrollment. Contact the Women's Center at 553-5380 or the Counseling Service at 553-5380 for more information.

**Women's Center** is sponsoring a lecture called "Daughters of Isis: A Brief History of Women in Chemistry" presented by Jane Miller of the UMSL chemistry department at 4 pm in 120 Benton.

**Video Programs** for the coming week include "Mayhem on a Sunday Afternoon" and "The Mr. Bill Show" from 9am-3pm weekdays except Wednesdays and 5-7 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings in the University Center Student Lounge.

## Tuesday 9

**Women's Center** will screen a film called "Killing Us Softly" at 10 am and 2 pm in 107A Benton. This film analyzes the distorted image of women projected by the advertising media.

The spring session of campus recruiting will begin for the Career

Planning and Placement Office, 308 Woods Hall, and continue through April 30. Graduating seniors who are registered with the Placement Office and are qualified for anticipated job openings will be interviewed by employer representatives. For more information contact the Placement office at 553-5111.

## Wednesday 10

The women's basketball team will face Lincoln University at 7 pm in the Mark Twain Building. UMSL students are admitted free.

## Thursday 11

**Peer Counseling** is sponsoring a Relaxation Workshop to help students relax under stress such as mid-terms and finals. For more information contact Peer Counseling, 427 SSB, or call 553-5711 or 553-5730.

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### CORRECTION

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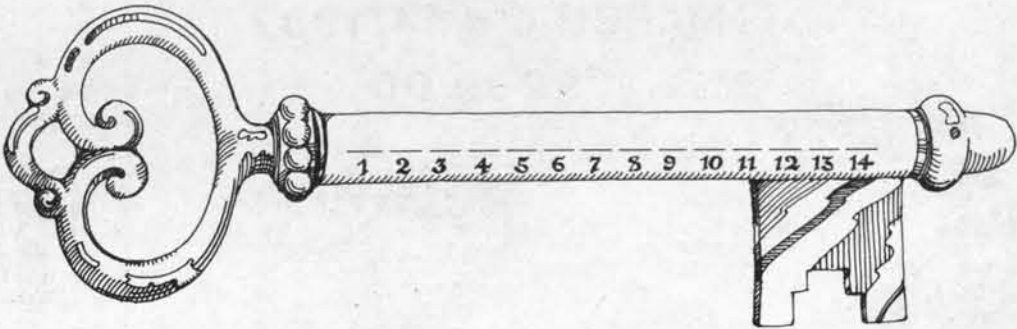
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# features/arts



Photo by Jim Hickman.

**A TWINKLE OF SPRING?:** It's hard to believe that spring break is only a month away. A ray of sunshine was all the hope to be seen on campus the day after the big snowstorm.



Photo by Sharon Kubatzky.

**I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN:** Members of the grounds crew did their best to move tons of snow from the UMSL parking lots, but it was almost a losing battle.



Photo by Sharon Kubatzky.

**STUCK TRUCK:** A food service truck rests gently after getting stuck in the mud after Saturday night's performance of "For Your Eyes Only." The 16-inch snowfall only hampered rescue attempts.

## Snowstorm



Photo by Jim Hickman.

**STANDING ROOM ONLY:** On a warm spring day, students may have trouble finding an empty bench to relax on, but on a wintry day, not one empty bench?

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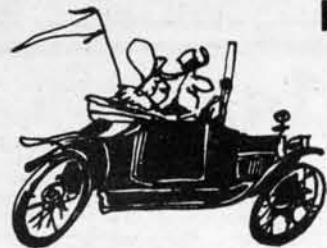
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# Some letters I never sent

Due to the common knowledge that I am perceptive (at times even profound), I have noticed a general feeling of discontent here at UMSL in the recent months. But since I have never been one to complain ("Just lie there and take it," my father once told me, "There's plenty of time later for revenge"), I cannot understand the rash of malcontents currently plaguing the pages of this newspaper with their Gloom and Doom letters of complaint. "Tuition is too high," says one; "Library hours don't accomodate insomniacs and perverts," says another; "You can't get a decent shade of play-doh in the bookstore," screams yet another.

Hey, I have complaints too. I write letters. I sign them, seal them, and stamp them. I just don't mail them.

Friends who have read these letters suggest that my mental stability is precarious at best, and contend that if I send them I am risking an invitation to the funny farm and/or a top spot on the Chancellor's hit list. (I do, however, question the validity of statements from a group of people who refuse to swim in the Pacific ocean for fear of falling off the end of the world.) Nonetheless, I find the composition of these letters to be a healthy outlet for moral indignation. And obscenities are so fun to type.

Because I'm sure there are a few other indignant (moral or otherwise) types out there who long for the opportunity to express themselves without repercussions, I am setting down a few examples here to assist you in your quest.

Dear Chancellor Grobman:

In my naivete, I have always felt that snowshoes and ski poles were solely the province of Antarctic expeditions. Come winter-time, however, I find myself unable to maeuver the UMSL campus without them. Certainly a little snow is attractive, indeed, inspirational; it's simply when I find myself scaling a flat walkway on my stomach that I begin to wonder if perhaps the ice is a bit thick.

Yours in Traction,

Dear Professor Grubsnuck:

I would like to question the reasoning behind your callous assignment of a term paper six weeks in advance of its due date. Surely you're

aware that no self-respecting student writes a term paper until the night before it is due. Thus, your advance notice only serves to engender in us six painful weeks of procrastination.

How dare you.

## humor

by Eric Poole



Dear Prentice-Hall Publishing:

I've never been one to condemn cutthroat textbook prices. After all, this is America—Land of the Freeloader and Home of the Brazen. I do, however, take exception to the pricing of a paperback, entitled "Sex Roles," at \$16.95. True, this book is racy reading and that doesn't come cheap. But "The Joy of Sex" costs considerably less and it has pictures. Might I suggest a restructuring of your pricing policy?

For as they say in Japan: One picture is worth a thousand yen.

Dear Food Service Worker:

I number among my acquaintances several students of such wisdom and intelligence that I rarely have cause to request an outside explanation of anything. It is therefore with chagrin that I must admit that we are stumped by the Great Hamburger Mystery. Why, upon opening a gold foil-wrapped burger do we discover no cheese, while the silver foil numbers **do** feature Velveeta? Traditionally speaking, the color yellow in Hamburger Wrapperland denotes a cheeseburger. Is someone color blind back there? Or is UMSL trying to raise revenues by charging cheeseburger prices for hamburgers?

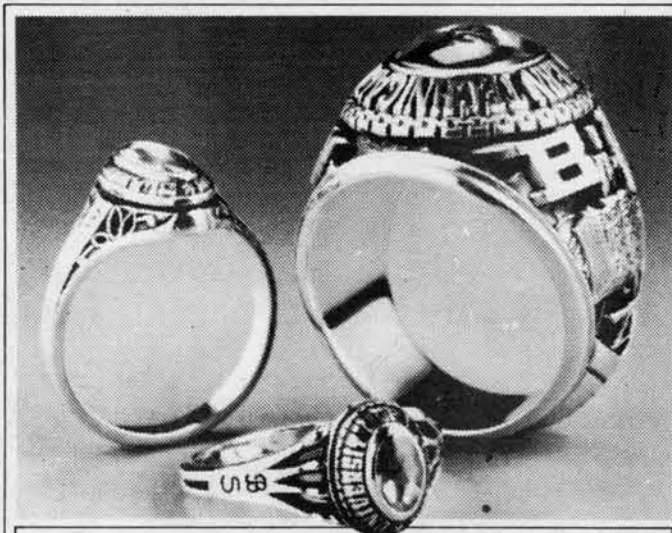
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Dear Benny:

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Toes

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Vicki,  
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I hope the new position is working out for you.

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Wanna let your sweetheart know you really care? Send your valentine a lovenote in the classified section next week. Let that special someone in your life know how you really feel. Just a few words can do a lot—and it's free! Don't delay. Deadline is 5pm Tuesday, Feb. 9.

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Jimmy

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# sports

## Rivermen continue playing seesaw season



Photo by Jim Hickman.

**GIVE IT BACK:** Rivermen's starting center Ronnie Tyler looks as though he is losing the ball to the opponents. The Rivermen lost the ball several times this past week as they lost two important MIAA games to Northeast Missouri State University and Northwest Missouri State University.

### Ronn Tipton

After playing three games this past week, the UMSL Rivermen's Basketball team has begun to show a pattern, a pattern closely resembling a roller coaster track. Down and up and down and up.

The Rivermen won over Rockhurst College of Kansas City last Thursday night to start the week on a high spot. However, the glory did not stick around as the cagers, now 2-6 in the MIAA lost two straight conference games to drop their record to 10-10.

They lost to Northeast Missouri State Saturday night at

Kirkville and then came home to lose to the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats, who are now in first place in the MIAA.

The game was very close, and UMSL led at halftime 31-28. But the Bearcats came back in the second half, and had the lead with just minutes left in the game. With about ten seconds left, Richard "Bird" Hamilton went in for the tying basket, but was called for charging. Head coach Tom Bartow said, "I saw Bird get the rebound and power to the basket, but I didn't see him knock over anybody." The Bearcats then made the resulting free throws and iced the game up.

The Northeast game was different because of the fact that it wasn't so close all of the way through. Assistant coach Jerry Zykan commented, "We played very well in the first half, so we were only down by one point at halftime. However, during the second half, they switched from their man to man defense to a zone defense. That caused us to go about five possessions in a row without scoring. As a result, we went from two points down to ten points down."

**'RIVERMEN NOTES:** The Rivermen continue their MIAA See "Game," page 8

## Women cagers lose two games; find life on the road miserable

### Jim Schnurbusch

In the midst of their longest road trip of the season, the Riverwomen have found life on the road to be very difficult.

The problems started for the Riverwomen cagers when they traveled to Evansville, Indiana to play the University of Evansville.

Without starting center Karen Lauth, who was sidelined with an injured wrist, the Riverwomen dropped their initial road game of the long stretch, 69-59.

After taking a week off to recoup, the Riverwomen packed back into their traveling van and headed west to Kansas City where an always tough University of Missouri-Kansas City squad awaited them.

Friday night is usually an active time in Kansas City. It was last Friday night, but not for the Riverwomen.

Sandy Moore, Riverwoman starting forward, explained what happened in the loss to UMKC, "Kansas City is a really good team. We played bad."

The women lost 89-70.

The bright spots for the Riverwomen were Renee Skaggs and Sandy Moriarty. Moriarty led the women cagers in scoring for the evening with 19 points.

Somehow, before last Saturday night's burying snowfall in the St. Louis area, Riverwomen managed to find their way

across the Show Me state to their next foe, Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville.

"We stayed Friday night in Kansas City. We left at 8:30 Saturday morning and got there at 1:45," commented Moore about the ride from Kansas City to Kirksville.

The women were part of a twinbill doubleheader of sorts. They were the opening act

before the Rivermen faced the NEMO men's squad. The women had to be weary after the trip to Kirksville as they stepped on the court to face their opponents.

The Riverwomen opened what turned out to be losing efforts by both UMSL squads.

Facing a fresh NEMO team, the women cagers found themselves on the short end of a 69-48 decision.

## Rivermen get court time regardless rain or shine

Neither rain nor sleet nor snow is supposed to stop the mailman. Well, even the postal service was outdone this week by the UMSL Rivermen basketball team.

A massive snowstorm, the worst to hit St. Louis in 70 years, struck here earlier this week and the repercussions were felt everywhere. Businesses, schools and roads were shut down. Concerts and lectures were cancelled. Even the mailman failed to deliver.

But somehow UMSL decided it wouldn't hurt to play its game against Northwest Missouri State Monday night at UMSL. After all, how many people could be scared away by 18 inches of snow?

The answer: Just about everybody.

About 50 people showed up Monday night, that is if you include players, coaches, officials, trainers and water boys. Attendance at UMSL basketball games this has been poor, but the turnout could have been above average Monday night had it not been for the snow. The reason is that more than 1,000 tickets had been sold in advance.

"We played Chicago-Circle two years ago in one of the worst snowstorms in Chicago history," head coach Tom Bartow said. "It would cost a lot of money to postpone a game and then have to travel to that city again."

From the standpoint of public image, though, not cancelling a game when even Santa Claus would have stayed home was a bad move. It's possible that the fans UMSL did have before Monday night won't come back. And the Rivermen need some fans.

To add insult to injury, the Rivermen lost the

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key MIAA contest, 54-51. It was perhaps a fitting comment on a season that has been extremely disappointing for those who expected to see the Rivermen live up to their advanced billing.

It's been mentioned before, maybe too often, that the Rivermen were pre-season favorites to capture the MIAA title. They have more talent on one team than any other in the conference, but the culmination of that skill admittedly has not reached its potential.

Among the possible reasons for UMSL's mild downfall include the season-long absence of Reggie Clabon, lack of intensity in key games, but above all, lack of chemistry. The Rivermen have struggled this year because the overabundance of talented players has failed to come together as a team.

Clabon, who would have been a senior, suffered a stress fracture in his ankle prior to the season and was redshirted. Reggie was an integral part of last year's 17-9 club. He wasn't much of a scorer, but he filled the point-guard role extremely well and was an outstanding defensive player.

This year, William Harris and Bob McCormack have shared the point-guard spot. Both players, however, are better scorers than playmakers and that has bogged down the offense.

McCormack, one of UMSL's prize recruits, is out for an indefinite period because of a recurring knee injury that sidelined him in high school. After a blazing start, McCormack began to take a backseat to fellow freshman Kurt Jacob. Since both could be starting at most Division II schools, it's been tough for either to sit on the bench.

Others have griped about a lack of playing time, which hasn't helped the situation at all. It's too bad only five players can play at a time.

After opening the MIAA slate with a win over Southeast Missouri State, the Rivermen lost four conference games in a row before winning again. During that skid, UMSL became frustrated and started pressing. The players wondered how a team with so much talent could be losing.

Perhaps it's because basketball games are won on the court, not on paper. Being picked to win the conference before the season starts is a dangerous position to be placed in, and it has played a big part in spoiling UMSL's season.

Fortunately, the Rivermen can still advance to the national tournament if they capture the MIAA post-season tournament. Northeast Missouri State was a mediocre team during the regular season last year, but came on strong down the stretch and nabbed the post-season title by upsetting league powers Lincoln and Central Missouri State. The Rivermen have what it takes to pull the same trick.

Let's just hope it doesn't snow.



# Winter seasons winding down

If Mother Nature cooperates, UMSL sports fans will get the opportunity to see some exciting intercollegiant competition, beginning with this weekend's SLACAA swimming competition for all area men and women swimmers.

The SLACAA meet will be at **Game**

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conference schedule Saturday night when they play against the Central Missouri State Mules at

the UMSL pool located in the Mark Twain Sports Complex. Action begins at 5pm Friday afternoon and carries over into Saturday.

The men's basketball team will play host to MIAA rivals, the Lincoln Blue Tigers on Saturday, February 13.

Warrensburg. They will then travel to the Checkerdome on February 11 to play SIU-Edwardsville in a nonconference

The Riverwomen basketball team will play host to Lincoln University on Wednesday, February 10. They will also play the preliminary game to the mens' on February 13 against Evangel College of Springfield, Mo.

The women cagers' final home game will be against National College.

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